

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on January 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 37, 1/2/2017; HB 113, 1/2/2017

**HEARING ON HB 37****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:46 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 37, Revise MT Indian language preservation program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:41 Rep. B. Smith, HD 31, Wolf Point  
00:07:22 Sen. Cohenour, SD 42, East Helena  
00:08:04 Sen. Whitford, SD 8, Cut Bank  
00:10:56 Casey Lozar, Department of Commerce (DOC)  
00:18:04 Jordan Thompson, Salish Kootenai Tribe  
00:19:46 Jim Kennedy, Fort Belknap Tribal Council  
00:20:32 Ray Cichosz, Fort Belknap Reservation  
00:21:31 Dominic Messerly, Fort-Belknap Reservation  
00:25:01 Lyn Cliff Jr., Fort Belknap Tribal Council

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:18 Rep. Vinton  
00:26:53 Dominic Messerly, Fort-Belknap Reservation  
00:28:41 Rep. Webber  
00:29:09 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:29:59 Rep. P. Webb  
00:30:09 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:30:18 Rep. P. Webb  
00:30:57 Rep. Windy Boy

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:32 Rep. Windy Boy

**HEARING ON HB 113****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:35:09 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 113, Allow Indian language immersion program funds to be used as matching funds.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:12 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:42:06 Sen. Cohenour, SD 42, Wolf Point  
00:43:54 Rep. B. Smith, HD 31, East Helena  
00:44:44 Sen. Whitford, SD 8, Cut Bank  
00:46:35 Jordan Thompson, Salish Kootenai Tribe  
00:47:05 Dominic Messerly, Fort-Belknap Reservation

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:48:35      Rep. Greef

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 00:49:27

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([edh05aad.pdf](#))